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## Three new certificate courses at Stella Maris College

$T$ he Department of Economics, Stella Maris - College (autonomous), Chennai, has introduced three certificate courses as add on courses and this has been taken well by students who are learning various issues connected to the economy. The practical components in the courses help students understand the working of the economy - the teaching learning process hence goes beyond the class room per se. Certificate courses introduced since July are in Stocks, shares and bonds, Insurance and risk management, and Financial planning and portfolio management. The first course on stocks shares and bonds had the online component wherein students could actually watch the stock market and the movements of prices of shares. As a learning process, they were allowed to invest in the stock market and this they found most exciting. The courses in insurance and risk management was also very popular. In the next term, financial planning and portfolio management will be introduced for which registration has already begun. Crystal David John has been extremely involved in introducing these 30 hr certificate courses for the students of the economics department, with guidance from Sarala Vasu of the Career Guidance Cell. They also plan to open it out to other students of the college.

